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Funding should boost business in the hills reveals consultation

A FUNDING scheme in the Blackdown Hills has published the results of a consultation carried out to discover how money should be spent to benefit communities living in the hills.

The consultation was carried out by the Making it Local scheme as part of a process to attract money from Defra, enabling it to continue funding community projects in the hills for

the next five years.

A series of consultation events were held in towns and villages throughout the Blackdown Hills and East Devon Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, asking people what they think funding priorities should be in these areas.

More than 20 consultation events took place with more than 227 people contributing comments on areas such as tourism,

micro-business, community transport, skills and training and rural parishes.

Feedback from the events revealed that supporting rural business and boosting jobs and training for young people was a main priority. Alongside

this, it was felt rural broadband should also be made a priority as well as affordable housing, improved transport networks and environmental sustainability.

Since 2009 the Making it Local scheme has supported more than 76 projects

distributing a total of £1.4 million in grant funding.

The Making it Local team will use the feedback they have received to put together a bid for a share of £140million of Defra funding to continue the scheme.



□ COWBOYS and Indians were among the visitors to this year's Dalwood Fair, near Axminster. See page 7 for full story and photos

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Pre-school needs you!

Village group shortlisted for funding needs your votes

STAFF and children at Stockland and Yarcombe Pre-School are celebrating being shortlisted in a national competition for community funding.

The awards are run by Lloyd's Bank Community Fund and offer the community group with the most votes a top prize of £3,000.

Now, the pre-school is asking everyone in the local area to vote to support them in the next stage of the competition, the public vote.

Valerie Conlon, vice-chairman of the pre-school, said: "We are delighted to have got this far in the awards, especially as we know how high the standards have been this year.

"We would use this hugely valuable funding to give our pre-school room a much-needed refurbishment since it was last updated over 10 years ago.

"The work needed is extensive and includes re-

flooring, painting and installation of a new kitchenette area. "The early years funding we receive barely covers our outgoings, so without other sources of funds our pre-school would be forced to close.

"An award of £3,000 would make a huge difference to us, meaning we could renew facilities which, although serviceable, are tired.

"The direct benefit would be to the children but also, indirectly, parents and the wider community. Keeping pre-schools like ours in local communities is vital to ensure quality of life in rural areas such as ours."

Voting opens on September 2nd and closes on October 10th.

People can vote for the pre-school in participating branches of Lloyds and online at https://communityfund.lloydsbank.com/communityfund/cf_home.asp.



Quilters support for children's hospice

MEMBERS of the All Saints Quilters, pictured, held a tea party during their second quilt exhibition at the All Saints Village Hall, Axminster, in aid of Children's Hospice South West (CHSW).

Fabrics, quilts and templates were on show for visitors alongside a raffle, refreshments and sales table.

Members made 16 quilts that were donated to the Little Bridge House Children's Hospice. They were presented to representative Paula Hullett, pictured left.

All proceeds from the day went to the Children's Hospice South West.

Margaret Lench, chairman of the All Saints Quilters, said: "We would like to thank Tesco's and The Fabric Shop in Axminster for donating items needed for our exhibition. An enormous amount of work was done by all our members, so a big thank you to them as well."

Prestigious award for Robbi

ROBBI Robson, from Membury, near Axminster, has received an award for Distinguished Service to Humanism at the World Humanist Congress held at Oxford and hosted by the British Humanist Association.

More than 1,000 delegates from 67 countries attended the congress to hear speakers including Philip Pullman, Richard Dawkins and Nobel prize winner Wole Soyinka.

Robbi has served as Chair of the British Humanist Association and first went on the Executive Committee of the International Humanist and Ethical Union (IHEU) in 1996.

She served as treasurer and vice president, setting up the IHEU Head Quarters in London. She later served as the administrator, co-ordinating IHEU's work of supporting Humanist national organisations across the world, particularly in parts of the world where Humanists and Atheists face discrimination and even death for their views; as well as sending delegations to the United Nations in New York and Geneva, UNESCO, Council of Europe and the African Council for Human and Peoples' Rights.



Pictured is Robbi receiving the award from IHEU President Sonja Eggerickx

NEWS briefs

Dancing for charity

A BARN dance will take place to raise funds for causes supported by the annual Chardstock Street Fair.

An evening of barn dancing will take place at the Chardstock Community Hall on Friday, September 26th, starting at 7-30pm with dancing to music from "The Barnstormers".

A ploughman's supper will be included in the ticket price but participants are invited to bring their own alcoholic beverages if desired. Soft drinks will be available for purchase in the hall.

Tickets are £8 for adults, under 16s £5, and family (two adults and two children) £20, and may be purchased from Chardstock Stores and Post Office.

Proceeds will be donated to local, national and international charities.

Lambs stolen from field

MORE than 40 lambs have been stolen from a field in Membury.

Police say that 43 lambs were taken from Boobill Field at some point between July 9th and 14th.

PCSO Amanda Wooster said: "All lambs had an electronic yellow tag at the back of the right ear which read F Pearce on one side and UK 0360144 on the other.

"If anyone has any information, contact Devon & Cornwall Police on 101, quoting crime reference number CR/095525/14."



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Honiton show celebrates 'best of the Blackdowns'



■ **HONITON** Town Crier Dave Retter welcomed traders from the Blackdown Hills to the Honiton Show. Also pictured are BHBA Manager Val Baker (centre), Jeanette Pezare and Wesley Wells-Burr from Blackdown Hills Lavendar, and Blacksmith Anthony Doble (right)



■ **GOODLIFE** Gardeners, who won first prize last year, won second this year with their kitchen garden

THE best of the Blackdown Hills was showcased at the Honiton Agricultural Show recently, as around 20,000 visitors took a closer look at the unusual exports of some of the area's top traders.

Members of the Blackdown Hills Business Association came together under one roof during the popular country show, now in its 124th year.

And thousands of agricultural enthusiasts came through the doors of the organisation's marquee to sample the services of local traders.

There were also featured displays, demonstrations and children's activities taking place outside the marquee, as crowds flocked to catch a glimpse of the traditional crafts.

Association Manager Val Baker said the summer shows were crucial to the survival of local businesses. She added: "These events are really about bringing all our members together under one roof, which is not always easy in rural areas."

"Each year we turn this marquee into a temporary 'high street' for traders, showcasing the best of the Blackdowns."

A string of businesses packed their produce into the showground, heralded a brilliant success by organisers.

And piano restoration expert William Young was awarded the first prize rosette, for the exhibition's best stand.

Mrs Baker added: "People are always very surprised by what they find here, and visitors often do not realise what a huge association this is. We are doing some really exciting things in the Blackdown Hills."



■ **PAUL** Rawlings from Dulford Nurseries exhibits his garden supplies at the Honiton Show



■ **PIANO** tuner and restorer William Young took home the rosette for best stand, during the show

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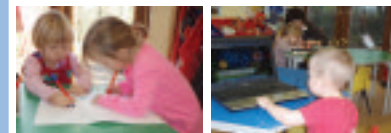
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Blackdowns clubs and societies

Blackdown Hills Gardening Club
ON the evening of Wednesday, August 20th the club ventured out to South Wood Farm, Cotleigh on their final outing of 2014.

It was to an isolated thatched 17th century Devon farmhouse surrounded by several neat small garden rooms leading into one another. Most people then went back to Sidmouth Arms, Upottery for a meal together, rounding off a very pleasant evening.

Members look ahead now to our evening presentation at Churchinford Hall on Wednesday, September 17th, 7.30pm by Mary Benger of Burrow Farm Gardens about Gardening Made Easier.

Wednesday, October 15th, 7.30pm sees Water in the Garden presented by John-Michael Kennaway of Escot.

Another date for your diary is Wednesday, November 19th at 6.30pm this time for a quiz, supper and social evening.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Clayhidon Friends

THE theme this month was a more sobering topic than usual, but nonetheless interesting and heartening.

Jason Thorne from the Taunton Association for the Homeless spoke to members about his work with those living on the streets in the town. He and his colleagues are involved in projects which support these (mainly young) people.

For example, they offer activities and training courses, and run a drop-in cafe which provides work for the homeless. The scheme helps those coming off the streets to build their confidence and self-esteem, and teaches skills from which they can rebuild their lives.

The members had many pertinent questions for Jason about rough-sleeping issues and his organisation, and were very grateful to him for giving his time to them with his mind-broadening talk.

Village rallies round in an attempt to keep pub open

VILLAGERS in Culmstock have been rallying round to try and keep the community's only pub open after it closed in June.

Quick action meant that the pub was re-opened temporarily with a short term management team but now villagers are seeking a more permanent solution to try and keep the community asset open.

Since March of this year a group of concerned locals have been meeting to explore the long-term options for the pub and on in July a public meeting was held in Culmstock Village Hall to present a prospectus outlining proposals to raise money to buy the pub.

One suggestion put forward is to sell shares at a value of £500 each.

If sufficient pledges are made a limited company will be formed and a bid made to buy the Culm Valley Inn.

If successful, the shareholders would elect a

management committee, who would select professional tenants to run the pub.

The meeting was well attended, with more than 100 interested locals turning up to hear about the proposals, ask ques-

tions and air their opinions. Pledges have already been made, but many more are sought to raise sufficient money to enable the village to put in a bid to buy the pub for the local community.

Pledges would not be

redeemed until a successful bid has been accepted.

If you are interested in making a pledge or would like a copy of the prospectus, contact the treasurer of the Culm Valley Inn Association by email at daniel-

vans1912@gmail.com.

A spokesperson for the group said: "If the residents of the Culm Valley and surrounding areas are going to continue to enjoy a lively, thriving pub then the Culm Valley Inn needs your support."

Council set to repair rural roads

MOTORISTS in the Blackdown Hill are to benefit from a multi-million-pound programme to patch up storm-damaged roads across Devon.

Potholes will be filled on stretches of roads around some of the rural villages near Honiton, as part of a new effort by Devon County Council to bring highways up to scratch.

It has been announced that damaged roads in Combe Raleigh, Buckereil, Dunkeswell, Yarcombe and Upottery will be patched up as part of the programme.

The council has developed a programme of repair schemes to help Devon's roads recover from the wettest winter on record.

And more than £9million of funding from central government has been set aside for the major repair project.

Some repair work across Devon began in June, but a significant injection of cash from central government will allow vital surfacing, patching, crack sealing and drainage improvements to be made in the worst affected areas.

A total of £16 million of additional funding has now

been awarded to the council, which will soon be put to use to repair around 120 miles of road by March next year.

Councillor Stuart Hughes, Devon County Council cabinet member for highway management, said: "This additional funding from the Government is providing us with a comprehensive programme to not only repair our roads but also protect them.

"As well as targeting pothole repairs, we will also be carrying out more extensive surfacing and drainage work in order to improve the resilience of our highway network."

More than 50,000 potholes have already been filled in this year, but the damage is so severe that not even the huge amounts of public money made available will completely restore the network.

Councillor Hughes added: "Although the £16 million we received will be made to go a long way, it will not solve all of our problems overnight.

"As we sustained around £24 million worth of damage last winter alone, it unfortunately will not repair everywhere that suffered at the hands of the weather."

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Young entrepreneurs raise £158 for the Devon Air Ambulance

PUPILS at St Andrew's C of E Primary School, Chardstock, were extremely proud to present a cheque for £158.60 to Devon Air Ambulance Trust.

The amount represented the profit they made through their spring term enterprise project. The Oak Class formed four companies among themselves and were tasked to design and make products which had been recycled, reduced or re-used in some way to sell at a school fayre.

Each company were given a start-up loan of £5 to help with purchasing resources and advertising costs.

A school spokesperson said: "The items sold included fairy cake mixes in recycled jars, pencil holders, tea-light holders and mouse pin cushions and profits ranged from approximately £15 to an incredible £80.

"The children not only worked very hard to create their items and run successful businesses, but we were also very proud of the way in which they organised their own stalls at the fayre and the commitment they demonstrated to raising money for a charity of their choice."



■ PUPILS present a cheque to local Devon Air Ambulance fundraiser

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Blackdowns clubs and societies

SMEATHARPE WI

PRESIDENT Carol Long welcomed members and a visitor from Thailand to the August meeting of Smeatharpe WI.

Virginia Roach was thanked for organising an excellent supper club meal at the Aviator.

Letters of thanks were received from the Trustees of Smeatharpe Village Hall for members help in raising funds for hall maintenance, also from the Taunton Food Bank for member's donations.

There was a skittles friendly on August 28th at the Sidmouth Arms, and an outing to see River Dance planned for October 4th. An outing to Bishops Lydeard Mill was proposed for September 2nd.

In keeping with the centenary of the First World War, the speaker, Sue Virgin, told members about the lives and work of the women recruited into the land army in both the first and second world wars.

Members were particularly interested to discover that Lady Denman, who gave a large house and grounds to the Women's Institute to establish a women's college, was also a big-wig in the Land Army, and a keen promoter of food production at home.

She was thanked by Sue Little. Geraldine Field won the competition and her Budleia was flower of the month.

Next month Beth Webb will be giving members Soup, Sweets and Stories on September 4th.



HEMYOCK WI

HEMYOCK WI made a visit to Sheppy's Cider Farm and Museum for their August meeting.

Twenty two members were made very welcome and first watched a video to explain the process of making this prize-winning product. The Sheppy family have been making cider for more than 200 hundred years.

The Sheppy family came to Three Bridges Farm on March 29th, 1917.

They have 55 acres of orchards and produce many prize-winning varieties of cider.

The WI members were very interested in the vast array of old items in the museum. After a good look at everything, it was into the licenced restaurant for a salad supper followed by excellent apple crumble with many tastings of various ciders.

All agreed it was a very interesting evening and the staff were thanked by President Lyn Taylor.

Blackdown Hills Transition Group

How do you like them apples?

THE Transition Movement has a wide ambition concerned with limiting the effects on our local communities of climate change and the depletion of carbon energy resources.

Developing local sustainable alternatives to our present day reliance on oil and supermarkets is key.

Local food production, local food outlets and being more aware of food miles are essential prerequisites for keeping it local.

Apple days are a symbol of this wider ambition where people come together utilising resources that otherwise might be wasted. So we get a fantastic local apple juice to freeze or pasteurise and drink in the winter months.

The Transition Movement in the Blackdown Hills will be hosting three Autumn Apple day events in Octo-

ber. The first will be at Otterhead Lodge, Culmhead TA3 7EE on Sunday, October 12th from midday to 4pm.

Stentwood Farm, Dunkeswell EX14 4RW will be the venues for two days (Saturday, October 18th and Sunday, October 19th) from 10am to 4pm.

Both venues will provide an opportunity for local families to take along apples from their trees and orchards to be mashed into pulp and then pressed to lovely apple juice to take away.

All you have to do is bring your apples and containers for the juice. There will be some recycled bottles available if you don't have any of your own.

The juice can then be pasteurised or frozen in order to keep it for longer or of course drunk within three days.

It is a great day out for children to join in the fun and all three events will have some side attractions with tea and cakes available.

The community at Stentwood Farm will also be cooking wood-fired pizza along with teas, food and shelter from their café.

Unfortunately we are unable to host similar event this year at Cotley due to our organiser's recent illness but we hope to return next year.

Come and meet some of us at the Transition Stand September 13th at Hemyock Parish Hall, Blackdown Hills AONB event The Good Life in the Blackdown Hills, a festival of small-holding, home produce and traditional skills.

The Transition movement fully supports the idea of producing sustainable local business and food production and will be demonstrat-

ing the apple pressing equipment, which outside the apple days is available on loan from us. The equipment has been purchased from grant from the sustainable development fund from the AONB.

Get in touch if you are interested in loaning the equipment for a small donation by email - jim@devonecolidays.co.uk.

You can also contact us through the Blackdown Hills Transition website www.blackdownhillstransition.org.

The apple days are also generously supported by Vigo the local Dunkeswell firm trading in juicing equipment.

Our next Transition Meeting will be being held in the Candlelight Pub, Bishopswood on Tuesday, October 7th start at 7.30pm.

Stories of life during the Great War told in new book

MORE than six months of research has culminated with the publication and launch of a new book featuring family stories of people's lives before during and after the Great War in the Culm Valley.

A number of people from the Culm Valley have been researching their family history, in particular those people at

the start of the last century who served in the Great War.

A book entitled "The Upper Culm Valley Before, During and After The Great War" has been produced and was launched in Hemyock Parish Hall last month.

To launch the book an exhibition was held in the Parish Hall where further information and memorabilia was on show.



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A taste of the Wild West comes to Dalwood Fair

A TOUCH of the Wild West came to Dalwood when the 2014 country fair was staged at a new location.

A Royal Charter for the coun-

try fair was granted 669 years ago and history was made on Saturday, August 16th when the event was switched from the village centre to the Jubilee Field and adjoining land owned by Mr Martin Farenden.

Judging by the number of people attending one of the Blackdown Hills' oldest and most popular summer events, the switch to the new location was a resounding success.

In keeping with the Wild West

theme, the fair was opened by Dalwood's very own sheriff, Tucker Stevens, who was introduced by the town crier of Axminster Nick Goodwin.

The fancy dress contestants, all in cowboy and Wild West costumes, gathered for judging by the Sheriff in the Jubilee Field before processing into the adjoining main ring led by Honiton Brass Band.

There were a number of Wild West activities to keep the crowd amused, including a Bucking Bronco and a panning for gold game.

Other attractions included the family dog show, dog agility display, tug-of-war and a bungee pull to test participants' strength.

Also held as part of fair week was a united service on the Jubilee Field conducted by the Reverends Rolly Bain and Anner Mills and a production of "The Blackdown Hillbillies" by the Corrydale Singers in the village hall.



■ YE-HA! Ladies of the village dressed in their Wild West outfits for the fancy dress competition



■ IN STEP AND IN TUNE: Honiton Brass Band leads the procession into the main arena.



■ IT'S DOG'S LIFE IN THE WILD WEST: One of the fancy dress entries all with their canine friends



■ HOWDY FOLKS: The Sheriff of Dalwood, Tucker Stevens, pictured with Axminster Town Crier Nick Goodwin



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Village speeding survey reveals surprising results

A SPEED survey carried out in Upton has revealed that drivers are model motorists who largely stick to the 30mph limit.

The survey was carried out by members of the Honiton Rural police team after concerns were raised by villagers that drivers were speeding through the village.

Villagers complained that motorists were flouting the 30mph limit, particularly around the area from the Sidmouth Arms, through the village and past the school.

The local Neighbourhood Policing Team agreed to look at the issue to see if action was required.

Officers used a device known as a "Speed Monitoring Trolley". The device, placed at the roadside, displays vehicles' actual speed

on an LED screen as they approach it and can be used without police personnel being seen, giving a more realistic representation of speed.

"Speed Surveys" took place at various locations in the village and at varying times and the results suggest that drivers are sticking to the 30mph limit.

PC Clive Vickery said: "Speeds were detected as soon as the vehicle was in view of the device. The majority of vehicles slowed on seeing their speed displayed, despite most of them being well within the limit already.

"It is very pleasing and reassuring to see the average figures are well below the 30mph speed limit, and although we know

that a small minority are exceeding this, it would appear that the majority are adhering to it as they travel through.

"It appears the 'perception of speed' is greater than the 'actual speed'. Some of this is due to lack of pavement in some areas, close proximity to vehicles in smaller lanes and the size of some of the farm machinery and other vehicles that travel through.

"We are however aware that we do not live in the village and are only there from time to time and that as with every speed limit, there will always a percentage who will ignore it.

"If there are persistent repeat 'offenders' then let us know and we will endeavour to take action to slow them down."

Tibetan monks show support for artist's exhibition

A BLACKDOWNS artist who has spent the last two years painting Tibetan Buddhist Monks from the Tashi Lhunpo Monastery will be holding an exhibition of her work this month.

Reportage artist, Hari Hyslop, from Ashill near Uffculme, has spent the last two years painting the monks with the aim of raising money for the monastery.

After hearing of her exhibition, the monks have offered to come and support her at the event, which will be held at Uffculme Village Hall on September 20th.

As well as the exhibition of Hari's work, there will be hands-on workshops with the monks, a Tibetan Stall, and a performance in the evening entitled "The Power of Compassion".

Entry to the exhibition and Tibetan stall is free from 12noon - 4pm.

The workshops run from 2.30pm - 4pm and will include traditional Tibetan crafts such as Butter Sculpture and Prayer Flag Printing - a small fee for the workshops will be charged on the day.

The evening performance will be a unique display of Masked Dance and Sacred Chants. Doors open 6.15pm for a 7pm start.

Tickets are £8 in advance or £10 on the door and are available from Strand Stores, Culmstock; The Gardeners Nursery, Uffculme; and Reapers Wholefoods, Tiverton.

Tashi Lhunpo Monastery was re-established in exile in Bylakuppe, Southern India, following the Tibetan national uprising in 1959.

There are currently about 250 monks, and it is growing rapidly. The monastery is known for its

artistic skills and traditions, and is one of the most important of Tibet's teaching monasteries.

Hari Hyslop, a former nurse and photojournalist, has been working as a freelance reportage artist for more than 25 years.

Previous assignments have included working alongside the RAF Central and Regiment Bands; The Massed Bands; General Synod; Aid Agencies in post-war Balkans; and many musicians from Jazz to Folk.

For further enquires please ring 01884 840484.



■ 'MRS Overall' aka Soo Sims served tea at the vintage tea party in Buckerell

Stepping back in time for cuppa tea and cake

AN appearance by "Mrs Overall" at Buckerell's very first vintage tea party helped to raise funds of more than £430 for the Devon Air Ambulance.

The event, devised by locals Jen Palfrey and Soo Sims, attracted more than 70 people eager to sample the array of homemade cakes served on period crockery.

"We spent months sourcing

cups, saucers, plates and tablecloths from outlets like eBay and car boot sales," said Jen.

1940s music added to the vintage atmosphere, and many villagers donned their best tea party outfits to join in the fun.

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Record crowds at Ferne's fun day

RECORD crowds attended the annual family fun day at Ferne Animal Sanctuary, near Chard, raising an impressive total of £7,036 for the charity.

The annual Family Fun Day held recently at Ferne Animal Sanctuary has raised a whopping £7,036.56 for the charity.

The event was the largest fundraiser of the year at the sanctuary's Wambrook site in the Blackdown Hills, with attractions including a tug o' war, feeding animals, miniature railway ride, bouncy castle, circus skills and more.

A sponsored head-shave in which staff member Jo Fuller bravely lost her locks, achieved more than £300 for the charity's "New Dogs For Dogs" £1million campaign.

The Mayor of Chard, Councillor Jenny Kenton, opened the event and said: "This is the second year I have been given the privilege of opening this event.

"Everyone's hard earned cash spent today will help keep this fantastic centre open and fit for the future. For us it's a great day out – but for the animals who are homed here, it is their lifeline.

"We have watched the sensory garden being built and now we are looking forward to coming back

again in November when the 'New Digs for Dogs' rehoming centre opens."

Acting director of Ferne Animal Sanctuary, Patricia Gardner-Harper, said: "A huge thank-you must go to all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make the day such a massive success. Everyone at Ferne is absolutely overwhelmed by the support and number of visitors on the day; it was way beyond our expectations. We now plan to make it even bigger and better next year."

Ferne Animal Sanctuary recently launched its £1million project "New Digs for Dogs" to build a new enhanced kennel block, improved grooming and veterinary care room, information hub, social unit, offices, reception and purpose built rehoming centre at their site.

Fundraising continues for the "New Dogs for Dogs" appeal with Ferne's popular annual Fun Dog Show, which is being held on Sunday, September 7th at their Wambrook site.

Attracting owners and their dogs from all areas, the event starts at 11am with registration until 12.30pm. Judging commences at 1pm. Each class has a £1 entry fee. Special event parking is available on the day for £3 per car.

Coombefield Veterinary Surgery, Axminster - who has looked after Ferne's animals for many years - is sponsoring two of the several novelty classes, "Best Veteran Dog" of seven years or over and "Best Child Handler" aged 6-14 years.

The Boat Building Academy at Lyme Regis and Acheson Construction (who are currently building the £1million rehoming centre at the sanctuary) are sponsoring the obedience classes.

Rosettes will be awarded up to sixth place.

"Our dog show is fun for all the family and raises awareness of the important work we do here at the sanctuary" said Tara Nirula, Acting Head of Animal Care.

"We find homes for around 170 dogs every year and are really looking forward to opening our brand new rehoming centre in November, as this will enable us to double the number of dogs we currently help."

Further information about the event is available by calling the Sanctuary on 01460 65214.

Fundraising packs for the appeal and details of how to donate can be obtained by calling Ferne Animal Sanctuary on 01460 65214 or by visiting www.ferneanimalsanctuary.org.



■ FUN FOR ALL: Above steam train rides were enjoyed by all ages while Ferne staff member Jo Fuller had her head shaved for the charity. Below, Ferne's animal mascots and the tug o' war



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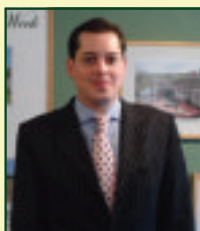


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